REMARKS

In reply to the requirement for election of species, Species I (the carrier tape as shown in Figures 1-4) is hereby elected. The following claims read on the elected species: 1-4, 8-13, 15-20, and 24-27.

The present Amendment revises the claims to improve their form and definiteness under U.S. practice. Among other changes, claims 7 and 23 have been cancelled as being redundant. Furthermore, the dependency of claims 5 and 21 has been corrected.

Examination of the application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT -- CLAIM CHANGES

This attachment includes claims that are being rewritten in this amendment, with brackets being used to identify deletions from the previous version of the rewritten claims and with underlining being used to identify additions to the previous version.

1. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape, comprising:
a plurality of device pockets [(device holes)] in which electronic devices
are held [one by one]; and

support portions [each of which is] formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets, [wherein]

wherein the support portions are [of] step-shaped [on which] to receive and support the electronic devices [are put and supported].

- 4. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2, wherein the ribs are [of] L-shaped and are arranged at corners of the device pockets.
- 5. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim [4] 2, wherein each of the ribs comprises two support portions arranged at upper and lower positions in a vertical direction [so that] to support two [of the] electronic devices [are contained] in each of the device pockets.
 - 6. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 2, wherein the ribs are [of] pillar-shaped.
- 8. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 1, further [comprises] comprising:

guide pins arranged at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets to guide the electronic device to the support [portion] portions.

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11. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 4, wherein each of the guide pins is arranged between [each two] a pair of the ribs[, arranged at corners of the device pockets].

- 12. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape, comprising:

 <u>a plurality of first [type of] device pockets [(device holes)] in which electronic devices are held [one by one]; and</u>
- <u>a plurality of</u> second [type of] device pockets [(device holes)] in which electronic devices are held [one by one], [wherein]

wherein the first and second [types of] device pockets are formed on \underline{a} front [surface] side and rear [surface] side of the embossed carrier tape, respectively.

- 13. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12, wherein the first and second [type of] device pockets [are formed as] have shapes that are the same [in shape so that the same shape of] in order to hold electronic devices [are contained in those device pockets] having a common shape.
- 14. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12, wherein the first and second [type of] device pockets [are formed] have shapes that are different in [shape so that different shape of] order to hold electronic devices [are contained in the first and second type of device pockets] with different shapes.
- 15. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12, wherein the first and second [type of] device pockets are formed integrally with the embossed carrier tape.

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16. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12, wherein the [firs] first and second [type of] device pockets are formed alternately in a longitudinal direction of the embossed carrier tape.

- 17. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 12, further comprising:
- support portions [each of which is] formed at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets, [wherein] the support portions [are of] being step-shaped [on which] to receive and support the electronic devices [are put and supported].
- 20. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18, wherein the ribs are [of] L-shaped and are arranged at corners of the device pockets.
- 21. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim [20] 18, wherein each of the ribs comprises two support portions arranged at upper and lower positions in a vertical direction [so that] to support two [of the] electronic devices [are contained] in each of the device pockets.
 - 22. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 18, wherein the ribs are [of] pillar-shaped.
- 24. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 17, further [comprises] comprising:

guide pins arranged at a surrounding area of each of the device pockets to guide the electronic device to the support [portion] portions.

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27. (Amended) An embossed carrier tape according to claim 20, wherein each of the guide pins is arranged between [each two] a pair of the ribs[, arranged at corners of the device pockets].

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